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Reopen business operations with proper water practices

As businesses across Michigan prepare to reopen and bring employees back to work, building managers should remember best practices for buildings that have been temporarily shut down.

“With so many considerations businesses have in getting back to work in the wake of COVID-19, water in their buildings may not be at the top of the list,” explains **Bonnifer Ballard**, Michigan Section/American Water Works Association executive director, “so we are reminding companies and building managers to take appropriate steps with their water before bringing employees back on their premises.”

With little or no water running through building water pipes and fixtures for an extended period of time, stagnant water conditions can result.

“To avoid discolored water and concentrations of potential contaminants, building managers should ‘flush the lines,’ Ballard advises. “Whether it’s a manufacturing plant or an office building, water that has been sitting in the system needs to be flushed and fresh water brought through the pipes.” To view a helpful short video created by one of AWWA’s members, that shows additional “how-to” details, click here.

https://youtu.be/3D_rtLrkLMA

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